IAPS Roc'd PCT/PTO 19 APR 2006 P29836.P01 U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE Form PTO-1390 P29836 TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 CFR 1.5) DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 *1*576307 PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE 21 October 2003 PCT/JP2004/014649 05 October 2004 TITLE OF INVENTION **FIXING APPARATUS** APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US Masahiro SAMEI, Noboru KATAKABE, Masaru IMAI, and Hideaki YAMADA Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information. 1. Mathical This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371. 2. This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371. 3.

This is an express request to promptly begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (23) indicated below. 4. The US has been elected (PCT Article 31). 5. A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)) a. 🛛 is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau). b. has been communicated by the International Bureau. c. is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US). 6. An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(2)). a. X is attached hereto. b. has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154 (d) (4). 7. Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)) a.

are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau). b. \square have been communicated by the International Bureau. c. \square have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired. d.

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\] 8. An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)). 9. An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. .371(c)(4)). "Executed" 10. An English language translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)). Items 11 to 22 below concern other document(s) or information included: 11. Assignee: MATSUSHITA ELECTRIC INDUSTRIAL CO., LTD., of Osaka, Japan 12.
An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. 13. An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included. A FIRST preliminary amendment. A SECOND or SUBSEQUENT preliminary amendment. 15. An Application Data Sheet under 37 C.F.R. 1.76. 16. A substitute specification. 17.

A power of attorney and/or change of address letter. 18. Figure of Drawing to be published: 4 19. A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 35 U.S.C. 1.821-1.825. 20. A second copy of the published international application under 35 U.S.C. 154 (d) (4). 21. A second copy of the English language translation of the international of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154 (d) (4). 22.

Other items or information:

International Application as published in Japanese (Cover Sheet).

PCT/ISA/210 International Search Report (in English and Japanese).

International Application as filed in Japanese. PCT/RO/101 PCT Request (in Japanese).

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23 🖾 The following fees are submitted:				\$300.00	
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24 ☑ Examination Fee If International preliminary examination report prepared by USPTO and all claims satisfy provisions of PCT Article 33 (1)-(4)				\$200.00	
25 ☑ Search fee Search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a) (2)) has been paid on the international application to the USPTO as an International Searching Authority				\$400.00	
TOTAL 23, 24 and 25 =				\$900.00	
Additional Fee for Specification and drawings filed in paper over 100 sheets (excluding sequence listing or computer program listing filed in electronic medium). The fee is \$250.00 for each additional 50 sheets of paper or fraction thereof.					
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